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This is a decision in response to a renewed petition filed April 26, 2010, under 37 CFR 1.378(c), to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on September 28, 2009 for failure to pay the 3 ½ year maintenance fee. On January 11, 2010, a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) was filed, however; the petition was dismissed on March 15, 2010. The renewed petition filed on April 26, 2010, satisfies the requirement of 37 CFR 1.378(d). Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6059.

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